

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

...MINUTES...

OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Mineral Springs Baptist  
Association,

HELD WITH

County Line Baptist Church,

September 16, 17 and 18,  
1898.

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...OFFICERS...

G. A. SLOAN, Moderator, Brookside, Ala.

JAS. M. CREEL, Clerk and Treas., Morris, Ala.

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The next session of this Association will be held with Chalcedonia Church  
(six miles west of Morris, Ala.), commencing Friday before  
the third Sabbath in September, A. D. 1899.

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BIRMINGHAM:  
ROBERTS & SON  
1898.

## DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The first district meeting will meet with Chalybeate Springs Church, Friday before fourth Sunday in July, 1899. Rev. B. F. Hughes will preach the introductory sermon, with J. S. Jernigan, alternate.

The second district meeting will meet with Mineral Springs Church, Friday before the third Sunday in August, 1899. Rev. J. A. Moncrief to preach the introductory sermon, with B. F. Hughes, alternate; and Rev. John T. Hughes to preach the missionary sermon.

### MINISTERS AND DEACONS MEETING.

The ministers and deacons meeting will be held with Watts Union Church, Friday before the first Sunday in March, 1899. W. D. Shaw to preach the introductory sermon, with Thomas Carr, alternate.

The minutes were then adopted.

Read resolution of thanks and adopted it. On motion, agreed to have 300 copies of minutes printed.

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### LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAMES	P. O. ADDRESS
JOHN T. HUGHES.....	Morris
B. F. HUGHES.....	Morris
W. D. SHAW.....	Warrior
J. S. JERNIGAN.....	Birmingham
WM. C. McLAUGHLIN.....	Leeds
JAS. A. MONCRIEF .....	New Castle
G. W. RED.....	Adamsville
S. L. WALDROP.....	Ono

# Proceedings.

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## FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The sixth annual session of the Mineral Springs Baptist Association assembled in County Line Church, Friday, September 16, 1898, at 11 a. m.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, G. A. Sloan, who read the fourteenth chapter of John and offered prayer, after which the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Wm. C. McLaughlin, from Hebrews 7:1; concluded by Rev. Jas. A. Moncrief. Prayer was offered by Rev. D. L. James. Adjourned one hour and a quarter for dinner.

## EVENING SESSION.

After enjoying a bountiful dinner reassembled in order. Singing. Moderator read Luke 17:,x and prayer was offered by Rev. John T. Hughes; an address of welcome was delivered by Prof. Holcomb of County Line Church.

On call for letters eleven were received. Appointed A. H. Holcomb and J. E. Creel reading clerks. Read and received the following letters with bearers:

**L**I**BERTY—J. V. Creel, L. J. Smith, J. S. Hannah and A. J. Creel; alternate—M. D. Hagood.**

**W**ATTS **U**ION—Wm. Eubanks, B. H. Crane, R. L. Roe and Thomas Carr; alternate—Arthur Cox.

**M**T. **O**LIVE—J. E. Goode and G. A. Sloan; alternate—W. C. Fulmer.

**A**NTIOCH—W. W. Statum, S. M. Sims, A. Wood and J. A Hodges.

**C**HALYBEATE **S**PRINGS—W. C. McLaughlin, J. S. Jernigan, J. A. Moncrief, T. A. Elliott and M. V. Goodwin; alternate—W. T. Massey.

**NEW HOPE**—B. I. Franklin, Joseph Lacy and T. S. Teer.

**HOPEWELL**—J. J. Dean, B. C. Higginbotham, W. R. Marsh and Wilson Hix; alternate—J. M. Marsh.

**ENON**—I. J. Rogers, J. C. Gillespie and S. T. Harris.

**COUNTY LINE**—J. M. Doss, I. J. Hannah, Samuel Hall and A. C. Tadlock.

**CHALCEDONIA**—J. G. Reid, G. W. Turnham and D. D. Sherrel.

**MINERAL SPRINGS**—J. A. Montgomery, W. M. Woolford, J. G. Hodges, R. A. Hodges and J. T. Hodges.

J. E. Creel was appointed teller for Moderator and G. S. Sloan was appointed teller for Clerk and Treasurer. The election resulted as follows: G. A. Sloan, Moderator, and Jas. M. Creel, Clerk and Treasurer.

Called for petitionary letters; received two—Asbury and Sardis. Read Asbury letter; also W. D. Shaw's license and ministerial credentials.

Received Asbury letter with delegates A. M. McAnally and W. D. Shaw.

Read and received Sardis letter with delegates W. E. Spradling, W. D. Key and J. W. James.

Invited visiting members to seats.

Received the following correspondents:

**BIRMINGHAM ASSOCIATION**—J. E. Creel, M. Hughes and R. C. Greathouse.

**SULPHUR SPRINGS**—D. L. James and G. S. Sloan.

The following committees were appointed:

**DEVOTION**—A. H. Holcomb, J. A. Montgomery and the deacons of this church.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**—W. D. Shaw and W. E. Spradling.

**STATE OF RELIGION**—J. A. Moncrief and J. T. Hughes.

**SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS**—W. W. Statum and S. M. Sims.

**TEMPERANCE**—G. W. Turnham and T. S. Teer.

**DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS**—J. V. Creel, I. J. Rogers and W. D. Key.

**MISSIONS**—T. A. Elliott and A. C. Tadlock.

**EDUCATION**—John T. Hughes and T. S. Teer.

**FINANCE**—J. V. Creel and J. A. Moncrief.

Executive committee asked that their time be extended until tomorrow. Request granted.

Report of committee on assigning delegates homes read and adopted.

Adjourned until 9:30 a. m. Saturday. Dismissed by Rev. J. E. Creel.

#### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association called to order at 9:30 o'clock by Moderator, who read Psalms 25:xiv. Prayer was offered by J. E. Creel. Moderator announced the Association ready for business.

Moved and seconded that any member of this Association visiting any other Association is authorized to act as a correspondent. Motion prevailed.

Committee on Missions report and reading deferred until Executive Board report on Superannuated Ministers, as follows:

We, your committee, report that we find no superannuated ministers in our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. STATUM, Chairman.

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Report on Education read and discussed by J. T. Hughes, D. L. James, J. E. Creel and J. G. Lowery (by permission.) On motion adopted as follows :

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to report the following: We believe and do teach that education is the hope of our country, especially the young of both sexes; that good and moral teachers should be employed in every community, and a good stock of moral training be gathered from every possible source, thereby qualifying the young for a higher sphere in life. We know and admit that education is improving in our denomination. We believe in education of the ministers, thereby qualifying them to meet the fast going age they are living in. Brethren, let us not be behind in the education of our young preachers. We recommend the Anderson system of sermonizing

to the ministers of this and sister Associations. Brothers, let us have an institute taught in the bounds of our Association as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. HUGHES, Chairman.

**REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.**

We, your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, find no ministers and but one deacon, Brother J. F. Rogers.

J. V. CREEL, Chairman.

**REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.**

We, your Committee on State of Religion submit the following as our report: That from general information, together with the letters from the various churches, we are making a slow but onward march. The condition of our churches seems to be better than ever in the past, new Sunday schools being organized and prayer meetings being carried on, which means an increase of spirituality in the membership of our churches, and we recommend that each delegate go home with a determination that their respective churches keep up an evergreen Sunday school, also a regular prayer meeting, that we may have even a better report next year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MONCRIEF, Chairman.

**REPORT ON DEVOTION.**

We, your Devotional Committee, beg leave to say that we request Brother J. E. Creel to preach today at 11 a. m. to be followed by Brother Thomas Carr; Brother W. D. Shaw to preach tonight, to be followed by Brother B. F. Hughes; Brother G. S. Sloan to preach a missionary sermon tomorrow at 11 a. m., to be followed by Brother D. L. James, providing, however, Brother Red is not present.

Respectfully,

A. H. HOLCOMB, Chairman.

On motion adjourned to school house at 11 a. m. to proceed with business of the Association and have preaching in the church.

On motion received Brothers J. G. Lowery and D. N. Smith of Birmingham Association. Executive board report received and discussed with report on missions by J. T. Hughes, J. G. Lowery and John T. Hughes. On motion both reports were adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, your committee, submit the following report: While we have had no missionary in the field we have had some good missionary work done by the ministers of our Association. There has been one church revived and one organized and brought into our Association. We have paid Brother J. H. Pool for mission work \$5.76.

Amount on hand:

Home Missions.....	\$4 49
Foreign Missions.....	2 55
State Missions.....	1 00

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. TEER, Chairman.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Missions are enabled to make the following report: There has not been any mission work done in the bounds of the Association as we know of; notwithstanding, we, your committee, favor mission work and recommend that more mission work be done.

T. A. ELLIOTT, Chairman.

Association adjourned one hour for dinner. Dismissed by Rev. J. G. Lowery.

EVENING SESSION.

Reassembled in the school house. Called to order at 2:20 p. m. by Moderator. Prayer by B. F. Hughes. Called for reports of committees on finance and temperance.

## FINANCE REPORT.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report:

CHURCHES	MINUTES
Mt. Olive.....	\$1 50
Watts Union.....	1 50
Chalybeate Springs.....	2 00
Sardis.....	50
Liberty.....	2 15
Hopewell.....	1 00
Asbury.....	1 00
Antioch.....	1 00
Mineral Springs.....	1 60
Enon.....	1 00
Chalcedonia.....	1 15
County Line.....	1 80
New Hope.....	1 50
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Enon also gave \$2 for Home Missions.

## FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF MINERAL SPRINGS ASSOCIATION FOR YEAR 1898.

CHURCHES	State Missions	Home Missions	Associational	Orphans' Home	Minutes	Pastor's Salary	Poor, Fuel, Sunday Schools, Etc.	Total	Value of Property
Antioch.....			\$ 50		\$ 1 00	\$ 5 45		\$ 6 95	.....
Ashbury.....					1 00			1 00	.....
County Line .....	\$ 25	\$ 1 00			55			1 80	.....
Chalybeate Sp'gs .....			50		1 50			2 00	.....
Chalcedonia.....					1 15			1 15	.....
Enon.....		2 00			1 00	61 00		64 00	\$ 300 00
Hopewell.....					1 00	41 50	\$ 75	1 75	600 00
Liberty.....					2 15		3 00	46 65	.....
Mt. Olive.....			50		1 00			1 50	.....
Mineral Springs .....					1 60			1 60	.....
New Hope.....					1 50			1 50	.....
Sardis .....					50			50	.....
Watts Union.....					1 50			1 50	.....
Coll'tns at Ass'n .....	\$ 3 37		\$ 3 37				\$ 6 74		.....
Total .....	\$ 25	\$ 6 37	\$ 1 50	\$ 3 37	\$ 15 45	\$ 107 95	\$ 3 75	\$ 138 64	\$ 900 00

J. V. CREEL, Chairman.

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Report on temperance read, received and adopted. Discussed by G. W. Turnham, J. V. Creel, J. T. Hughes, and A. J. Creel.

We, your Committee on Temperance, report as follows: We find that the cause of temperance is improving in our Association, for which we feel very grateful, though there are some lamentable exceptions. Intemperance includes not only the excess of drink; but brethren let us shrink from intemperance in every day life, while we walk, while we sleep, while we talk, while we eat, while we think, and especially while we drink.

The drink that's in the drunkard's bowl  
 Is not the drink for me;  
 It kills his body and his soul—  
 How sad a sight is he.  
 But there's a drink that God has given  
 In measures large and free,  
 Distilled in the showers of Heaven,  
 Oh, that's the drink, that's the drink, for me.

GEO. W. TURNHAM, Chairman.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

The report on Sunday Schools was read, received and adopted. Discussed by William D. Shaw, J. V. Creel, J. E. Creel and J. T. Hughes.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, offer the following report: We find that some of our churches have failed to report a Sunday School. Why is this? We surely all agree as to the importance of Sunday Schools. Next to preaching the sacred word we would place the work of the Sunday School. It is the means of bringing up our children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. It fits them for future membership in our churches and may be the means of preparing their souls for Heaven and immortal glory. It helps us to be more active members in our churches and better soldiers for the cause of Christ. Then let us urge upon our churches to take up this all important work. Let each church adopt some plan by which the Sunday School can be carried on from year to year. Place efficient teachers

over the classes and put good literature in their hands, and the result will be the unelogging of the wheels of Zion and the unfurling of her banner to the breezes of the nation, and an ingathering of souls in the great harvest of the Lord. May we consider well, if we are lost it is God's loss. Hoping that the spirit of Sunday School and mission may enter every home and heart of all christians is the prayer of your Committee.

W. D. SHAW and W. E. SPRADLING.

Moved, seconded and granted that County Line Church be given a letter of dismission from this Association.

Called the Association to meet with Chalcedonia Church in 1899, and on motion request was granted.

Elected Rev. Jas. A Monerief to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of this body, with John T. Hughes, alternate; Wm. D. Shaw to preach a missionary sermon, with Thomas Carr, alternate.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

*Be it resolved,* That this body tender thanks to this church and community for their kindness to us during our stay with them, and that we pray God's blessings on them.

The business of the Association being finished it was dismissed by Rev. W. D. Shaw.

Sunday, 11 a. m., missionary sermon by Rev. G. S. Sloan from Exodus 10:xxii. Collection received \$6.74—half to be sent to Orphans' Home and the other for home missions.

G. A. SLOAN, Moderator.

JAS. M. CREEL, Clerk and Treas.

STATISTICS OF MINERAL SPRINGS ASSOCIATION, 1898.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Moderator call the delegates to order and hear the introductory.
2. Call for letters from the churches.
3. Appoint reading clerks and have letters read.
4. Election of officers for the year.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Invite visiting members to seats.
7. Call for correspondence from other Associations.
8. Appoint the different committees, to-wit :
  - Devotion.
  - Sunday School.
  - State of Religion.
  - Temperance.
  - Superannuated Ministers.
  - Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
  - Missions.
  - Education.
  - Finance.
9. Call for report of Executive Board.
10. Appoint place of next meeting.
11. Appoint ministers to preach annual sermons.
12. Offer thanks and miscellany.